

The Northwest Highlands

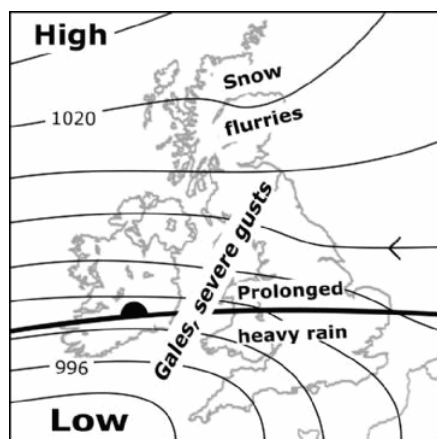
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 14 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 November, 2025

Cold across Scotland and northern England, below freezing on Scottish mountains all day. Snow flurries toward north/east Highlands. Significant chill factor from strengthening easterly winds, gale-force all day southern Scotland and northern England. Severe gales and incessant heavy rain Wales and Peak District.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy and gusty, later gales. Snow flurries, but largely dry west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 14 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	East-northeasterly, 25mph to in places 35mph, very gusty downslope toward west; strengthening from dusk 40-50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure, buffeting gusts knocking you off balance on some slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow flurries north and east A dusting of fresh snow on some higher terrain. Showers and snow flurries most frequent over northernmost mountains, also a few bands of showers likely move in from Moray Firth toward Ben Wyvis and Great Glen, possible soft hail. Mostly rain lower slopes below 400m.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, local breaks west Banks of cloud frequent above 500-700m in north and eastern areas, more broken cloud above 800m westwards, tops clearing periodically Kintail to Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% north/eastern tops, to 60% west coast south of Torridon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west coastal mountains toward Skye, locally sunnier. Slight haze N/E areas, visibility reduced in showers; locally often very good west.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C on tops.
Freezing Level	600-700m, but near to freezing on some lower slopes early morning.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 15 November	Sunday 16 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 40mph from dawn, strongest and gusty Skye and Kintail. Easing with time, a marked lull afternoon	Northerly 15 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Making balance challenging in places with turbulent gusts downslope at first, lessening to become small.	Prepare for noticeable wind chill; fairly small effect on walking, but blustery on a few exposed slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, flurries north/east Most western areas dry all day. Local brief snow flurries north and eastern mountains.	Band of rain, snow tops, moving south Showery rain, or snow mostly above 800m, may briefly turn wetter higher up, mostly northern areas in the morning, moving southwards in a more frequent band through middle of day into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches north/east, little west Patchy cloud over hills mainly in Sutherland, mostly eastern slopes above 700-800m, well broken westwards. Toward Skye, Torridon and Kintail, mountains likely substantially clear.	Most frequent north, lowering at times Patchy cloud mostly on upper slopes, becoming more extensive above 700m in precipitation in the north for periods. Areas toward Kintail starting clearer, then banks drifting onto tops at times into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% north, to 80% Wester Ross-Skye.	20% north, to 50% south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best in west coastal areas. Some patchy cloud north and east. Visibility mostly excellent.	Occasional sun mostly Skye to the Great Glen in morning, clouding over from north. Visibility excellent for periods, but reduced to very poor if in snow for a time.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, slight rise during day. Wind chill early in day feeling like -12C, improving.	0 or +1C. Feeling like -7C in exposure to wind.
Freezing Level	Around 700-800m, local variations - some lower slopes near freezing in morning. May rise a little during day.	Frost many inland glens from dawn, mid-slopes above freezing; near or just below freezing all day above 900-1000m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 15 November, 2025

Colder air extends to all areas, staying below freezing over higher mountains most likely throughout the next week to 10 days. In the short-term, for Wales and south Pennines expect ongoing flooding from high rainfall on Friday, the rain eases into Saturday here. A lot of dry weather for Scotland this weekend, but some snow flurries move in from the north on Sunday. Areas of showery snow over the hills into next week coming in on often strong northerly winds, gale force into midweek. Snow most frequent toward north of the Highlands with some locally more substantial accumulations over higher terrain; some accumulating upland snow possible more widely during Tuesday as a front drifts southward.

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